

# English

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## **The Course:**

We follow the AQA course in English and English Literature. The AQA course leads to two certificates, one in each subject. Pupils study a range of reading material, including factual and media texts, as well as drama, poetry and prose from Shakespeare to the present day. The two examinations for English Language include writing a response to a literature fiction text, writing a piece of creative writing, analysing non-fiction and literacy non-fiction texts and writing to present a viewpoint. The two examinations count for 50% each of the GCSE. There is also an important spoken language element which requires students to present to an audience and respond to questions, this does not count towards the GCSE, but is a requirement for all pupils to complete. English Literature is also made up of two exams. Paper one is worth 40% whilst paper two is worth 60%. The content of these examinations include: Shakespeare, a 19<sup>th</sup> century novel, drama texts, a poetry anthology and unseen poetry.

## **What could it lead to in Sixth Form?**

A Level in English Language

A Level in English Literature

## **What careers/university courses would this subject help me to enter?**

### **Possible University Courses**

English/Literature Studies, Linguistics, Law, Journalism, Public Relations and Teaching

### **Possible Careers**

Journalism, Public Relations and Teaching